

**IMPLANTABLE SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH PREVENTION DEVICE
WITH REDUCED PROGRAMMABLE FEATURE SET**

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 Preventing sudden cardiac death involves providing an implantable device
configured to deliver only two forms of cardiac therapy, the two forms of cardiac
therapy including an anti-tachyarrhythmia therapy and an asystole prevention pacing
therapy. The tachyarrhythmia therapy is delivered in response to detecting a
tachyarrhythmia, and the pacing therapy is delivered in response to detection of
15 cardiac asystole. An implantable cardiac device for preventing sudden cardiac death
may be configured to be fully operational upon setting a therapy On/Off parameter
and two or less programmable parameters associated with therapy delivery. Control
circuitry configures the device for operation to prevent sudden cardiac death after
programming the two or less programmable parameters and enabling the therapy
20 On/Off parameter.